

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1833.

Mr. Barringer, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill defining and limiting the power of courts in inflicting punishments for contempts, reported unfavorably thereon. The said bill was thereupon, on motion of Mr. J. B. Jones, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill to provide for the final settlement of executors and administrators, made an unfavorable report thereon; which was concurred in, and the said bill, on motion of Mr. Boddie, postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution instructing them to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law in relation to laying off roads, as that five, instead of twelve jurors shall be competent for this purpose, reported that it is inexpedient to alter the law in the manner proposed, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. The report was concurred in.

Mr. Wiseman presented a bill to amend an act, passed at the last session of the General Assembly, entitled an act to regulate the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Davidson county; Mr. Ennett, a bill to prevent the throwing of ballast or otherwise obstructing the channel between Bogue Inlet and the town of Swansborough, in Onslow county; Mr. Phelps, a bill authorising the County Court of Washington county to appoint a patrol for the town of Plymouth; and Mr. Boddie, a bill to render sheriffs liable for the acts of their deputies. These bills were severally read the first time and passed, and the last named bill, on Mr. Boddie's motion, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kittrell presented a bill for the relief of Chaney Moreman; which was read the first time and passed, and, on motion of Mr. Kittrell, referred to a select committee. Said committee consists of Messrs. Kittrell, Fisher and Poindexter.

Mr. Barringer, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill supplemental to an act directing how persons injured by erection of public mills shall in future proceed to recover damages, passed in the year 1809, reported the same with an amendment; which was concurred in. The bill was further amended on motion of Mr. Taylor, read the third time and passed, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Fisher gave notice that he should, on to-morrow, move an amendment in the 49th Rule of Order, by striking out the latter clause of said Rule in the following words: "But no bill shall be amended upon its third reading without commitment."

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a resolution upon the subject, reported a bill to amend an act, passed in the year 1829, entitled an act to prevent fraud in deeds of trust and mortgages; which was read the first time and passed.

The speaker informed the House that the bill which finally passed this House on yesterday, entitled a bill to incorporate the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, was not perfected according to one of the Joint Rules of Order of the two Houses, there being in said bill sundry blanks. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Marsteller, the vote of yesterday ordering the said bill to be engrossed, was reconsidered, the blanks accordingly filled, and the bill again passed its third reading and ordered to be engrossed.